

Attorney Docket No.: 10407-73US  
Your Ref. No.: (A3088MT-US1)**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Original Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto and/or was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

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<u>2002-362048</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>13/December/2002</u> (Day/month/year filed)
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[x] Yes [ ] No**Priority Claimed**  
[x] Yes [ ] No

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